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TAGS: MPOL, TD, CU, XA
SUBJECT: PM WILLIAMS TELLS WEST INDIANS TO LEAVE AFRICA
TO THE AFRICANS

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 768 AND 1814 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PM WILLIAMS CRITICIZED WEST INDIAN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN THE COURSE OF A SPEECH DELIVERED JULY 30 TO THE POINT FORTIN PNM WOMEN'S LEAGUE. WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY, WILLIAMS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT "WEST INDIANS ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE. THE AFRICANS DON'T WANT HELP FROM ANYBODY AND YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS TO INTERFERE IN AFRICA. WE SUPPORT NOBODY WHO WANTS TO GO IN THERE FOR THIS, THAT OR THE OTHER." THE FULL TEXT OF THE PM'S SPEECH HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED AND WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT. THE FOREGOING IS THE PM'S ONLY PUBLIC CRITI-
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CISM, ALBEIT AN INDIRECT ONE, OF CUBA'S ROLE IN AFRICA THAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST YEAR AT LEAST. WHILE HIS REMARKS BEST FIT CUBA AMONG THE STATES IN THE AREA, HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE OPPOSES ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, REGARDLESS OF ITS ORIGIN. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT MAY HAVE PROMPTED HIS REMARKS OR THEIR TIMING.

3. IN ADDITION TO HIS AFRICA-FOR-THE-AFRICANS REMARKS, WILLIAMS REPORTEDLY COVERED A JUMBLE OF OTHER UNRELATED TOPICS, INCLUDING THE CHARGE THAT HIS PHONES WERE BEING MONITORED (HE DID NOT SAY BY WHOM) AND HIS ASSERTION THAT HE HAD BEEN TEMPTED TO TELL THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO "DUMP THE PHONES IN THE GULF OF PARIA." HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT HIS ACTIONS AT HOME WERE BEING SURVEYED BY CURIOUS PEOPLE FROM THE TOP FLOOR OF THE NEARBY HILTON HOTEL. WHEN WE - CALLED THE PM'S OFFICE ON ANOTHER MATTER ON AUGUST 1, A PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER VOLUNTEERED WITH UNCHARACTERISTIC . CANDOR THAT SHE THOUGHT WILLIAMS HAD MADE "SOME RATHER WILD. STATEMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND." O'MAHONY

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